

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

14 August 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absent:

M. Christine Benoit, DMD, Past Chair Craig VanDongen, DDS

Carleton C. Cappuccino, DMD, Acting Chair

Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, Secretary

Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Robert E. Bartro, DDS

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Martin C. Nager, DMD

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS

Donald C. Williams

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Russell Chin, DDS

Staff Members In Attendance: Others in Attendance:

Donna Constantino Valerie G. Celantano, RIDA

Benjamin Cople, JD Dr. Marian Royer RIDA

Pamela Schultz Kerri Friel, RIDA

Linda Phillips Marie Jones-Bridges RIDHA

Dr. Deborah Fuller Patrick Quinlan JD.,RIDA

Establishment of Quorum: A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on August 14, 2013 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: A Motion was made by Dr.Samartano and seconded by Mr Williams to accept the OPEN Minutes of August 14, 2013. The Board voted unanimously to approve the OPEN Minutes as presented.

Administrative Issues:

Dr. Cappuccino presided over the meeting as Acting Chair. Dr Benoit whose term limit had expired was presented with a certificate of appreciation from Dr Fine and Governor Chafee.

Donna Constantino, Chief of Health Professionals Regulation, presented the certificates and thanked Dr Benoit for her hard work and six years of service on the Board. Thank-you for your dedication to serving the public Dr. Benoit!

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Dr. Cappuccino introduced and welcomed new Dentist member to the Board Dr. Russell Chin.

Following the new legislation, two dentist members and one dental assistant member will be added to the Board. Dr. Fine will now appoint the Chair, the Vice-Chair and the Secretary of the Dental Board. Dr Cappuccino has been appointed to the position of Chair of the Board and graciously accepted the position.

Dr Cappuccino and Donna Constantino stated that inspections of Dental Offices will be strictly complaint driven, unless there is an immediate threat to the public.

Issued Licenses:

Ms. Ross presented the names of those individuals qualifying for licensure in Dental Hygiene.

These names were unanimously approved.

Dr. Joseph Samartano presented the names of those individuals qualifying for licensure to practice Dentistry or Anesthesia Facility Permits. These names in both categories and facilities were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Dr. Bartro has been appointed to chair a committee that will continue to develop the infection control tool. Dr Nager will head the

committee to develop the continuing education guidelines.

Dr Samartano will form a committee to establish protocols for issuing Dental Anesthesia Permits and protocols for the administration of Botox and Dermal Fillers.

Mr Williams has been appointed to chair a subcommittee for proposed changes to Rules and Regulations.

New Business:

A motion was made and carried that the Chair of the Dental Board or Dr. Fine would sign for Dental Certificates. Dr Cappuccino stated that he did not want his signature on all the correspondence from the Dental Board that his signature would be limited to Dental Certificates.

Donna Constantino stated the DOH is in the process of forming a search and interview committee for the Dental Board administrator and is asking for a public member and a dentist member to be on the search committee.

Mr. Williams was asked to draft a letter to Dr. Fine expressing the Board's concern of a potential conflict of interest for the new job posting for Dental Chief.

Public Comments:

Marie Jones-Bridges asked to include a member from the dental hygiene community to be on the subcommittee for Infection Control.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session:

A Motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Ross to adjourn to Executive Session. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health or applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an OPEN Meeting.-and-Pursuant to Section 42-46-5 (2) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Return to OPEN Session:

Final Actions: A Motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Dr. Nager to Seal the Minutes of the Executive (CLOSED) Session of August 14, 2013 pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2) of the R.I.G.L. The Motion carried.

Adjourn: The next RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting is

September 11, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. in the Room 301, DOH. A Motion was made by Dr. Ricci and seconded by Dr. Nager to adjourn at 12:10 a.m. The Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Susan Perlini, RDH, BS Secretary
Board of Examiners in Dentistry**